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## **GRIP I-40/Coors Colors Chosen**

ALBUQUERQUE – After reviewing more than 460 public comments obtained through an online survey, the GRIP I-40 / Coors Project team has decided on the following color theme:

Roadway bridge structures, sign posts, and roadway barrier: *Latte*

Retaining walls: *Portabello*

Sound walls and roadway bridge girders: *Jute Brown*

Bridge accent stripe: *Spicy Hue*

Nearly 60 percent of the feedback obtained came from Westside residents. The Public Advisory Committee, a team made up of 13 area residents, along with the Project Management team reviewed the comments and finalized the color theme.

"It's important to the New Mexico Department of Transportation that the public's comments are taken seriously by the GRIP I-40/Coors project team," said Transportation Secretary Rhonda Faught. "Although the majority of residents liked the earth tone palette, some asked for brighter colors. The almost 16 acres of landscaping will use a variety of colors we hope will satisfy everyone. "

GRIP I-40/Coors is a \$91 million dollar reconstruction project. It's included in Governor Richardson's Investment Partnership, a \$1.6 billion economic stimulus package aimed at building safer highways in New Mexico and creating thousands of local jobs.

For more information on GRIP I-40/Coors and the color scheme, please contact Joan Griffin at 505-764-4444 or 505-261-4444.